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1. At the port of Vlone, in the region of Skele and to the north of the "sellerie" (sic), the depth of the sea is very shallow; for about 1000 meters out from the shore it is only two to three meters in depth. For this reason boats of more than 500 tons cannot come alongside to drop anchor at 1500 - 2000 meters from the shore. From south of Skele to Uje and Ftohet and, indeed, further south, the depth is greater and it is rocky. To overcome this, [] constructed a mole in that area for loading petrol. The Soviets are now reportedly constructing another mole for loading boats of greater tonnage; the depth in this area at 200 - 300 meters from the shore is between six and seven meters.
2. At Skele there is a concrete mole (built in 1938) 250 meters long, for ships of under 500 tons. On the "sellerie" (sic) coast there is also a wooden mole for the small boats which transport salt; this mole has no modern installations.

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